

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a developing method for developing a latent image formed on an image bearing member with developer including toner and carrier contained in a developer containing portion, comprising the steps of developing a first latent image for controlling a replenishing amount of the developer to the developer containing portion by a first developing electrical field, and developing a second latent image for controlling gradation of an image by a second developing electrical field, and wherein the first developing electrical field is different from the second developing electrical field.

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